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1. The kolkhoz or collective farms are of two kinds in Rumania: Agostat and Gospodăriile Colective.
2. Agostat (Administrația Gospodăriilor de Stat) manages all lands throughout Rumania which have been confiscated by the State. It has central offices in Bucharest and sub-offices in each county. Agostat is owned by the State and employs workers from the farmers union.
3. Gospodăriile Colective is organized in each county. Its purpose is to form "voluntary" cooperative associations of small landowners. In theory, each unit is owned by the group of peasants contributing their land and labor to the unit. Peasants are being induced to enter into these associations by the State which distributes seed grown on Agostat farms, allows them to buy and borrow machinery from the Tractor and Machine Stations (Stațiuni de Mașini și Tractoare), and offers them reduced taxes.
4. There are still some independent landowners, but the lack of seed and machinery plus heavy taxation is driving them into bankruptcy in which case their land will revert to the State (Agostat), or into the "voluntary" associations controlled by Gospodăriile Colective.

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